Abstract Plus Fact Sheet
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Introduction to Abstract Plus

Abstract Plus is an abstracting tool used to summarize the medical record into an electronic report of cancer diagnosis and treatment by abstractors and other individuals or groups who work with cancer data. This software was developed at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC), in support of CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NCPR). Abstract Plus was written as an abstracting tool for cancer registries, in support of CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries. All data items in national standard data sets, including text, are supported.

Capabilities and features of Abstract Plus

- The data set can be customized to meet local needs including locally-defined variables.
- The output of Abstract Plus is an electronic abstract in the format of the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) data exchange layout (currently NAACCR version 10.1).
- The NAACCR edits are tightly integrated into Abstract Plus, allowing standard editing and error correction online.
- Abstract Plus includes Registry Plus Online Help, a collection of standard coding manuals that are cross-referenced, indexed, and context-linked to minimize the need for reference to printed manuals during abstracting.
- Abstract Plus can be distributed free of charge to cancer reporting facilities in a state.
- Although the product is not designed to include all functionality needed in an approved hospital cancer registry, it is suitable for reporting from non-registry hospitals, clinics, laboratories, and other sources for cancer incident reports.
- Abstract Plus can also be configured for special purpose data collection.

Abstract Plus System Requirements

Registry Plus programs are written for the Microsoft Windows 32-bit environment installed on a Pentium or Pentium-compatible computer. The minimum hardware requirements are the same as those of the Microsoft Windows operating system used. The use of faster processors, faster disk drives, better video components, and more memory can improve the operation and satisfaction of software applications in the Microsoft Windows operating system environment. Additional system requirements include the following:

- Microsoft operating system from Windows 98 through Windows XP
- 128 MB RAM (512 MB recommended)

- Latest version of MS Internet Explorer (Recommended)
- The available hard-disk space requirement for Abstract Plus depends on the number of abstracts that will be used in the database, look-up tables, etc. For the installation to run properly a minimum of 70 MB of free hard drive space is required for Abstract Plus.

Before you install or upgrade Abstract Plus, please read the following:
- This version of Abstract Plus was designed to automatically upgrade older database versions while preserving configuration settings.
- If someone else is responsible for maintenance of your computer, you may not have been granted the right to install software. In this situation, you should consult the maintainer of your computer for assistance before proceeding. If you are installing Abstract Plus on Windows 2000 or Windows XP, you must be logged on as the Administrator.
- If you are upgrading or reinstalling an existing version of Abstract Plus, please use the Windows Control Panel to uninstall the existing Abstract Plus program. Choose Add/Remove Programs, select Abstract Plus, and click on Change/Remove. Click on Next - Remove - Next in succession on the resulting dialog boxes, and respond to any further prompts that appear. If you receive a message during the uninstall process about deleting shared files, choose NOT to delete any shared files.
- The files and folder structure (that contain modified files) will be preserved after you complete uninstalling the previous version of Abstract Plus. You should then install this version in the same folder as your previous version of Abstract Plus. This will insure that the database and configuration settings are properly upgraded.
- To make sure you are installing over the current installation (drive and directory/folder), run the Windows Explorer and find where Abstract Plus is currently installed.
- If you are installing Abstract Plus for the first time, you may install it on the drive and directory/folder of your choosing; however, you cannot install it in a subfolder. Abstract Plus must be installed in the root folder from the drive of your choosing.

Installation
To install Abstract Plus, click on the link below, which will download the program to your computer. Once the installation file is downloaded, double-click on the downloaded file. The installation program will then run and direct you through the steps for installing Abstract Plus. If you are a first-time user of Abstract Plus, it is recommended that you install Abstract Plus by selecting the defaults.
Download the latest version of Abstract Plus

Getting Started
- Click on Windows Start button
- Go to Programs
- Go to Abstract Plus

- Click on AbsPlus Icon

Technical Support
The primary users of Abstract Plus are hospitals and laboratories. CDC provides support and consultation to states installing the Registry Plus software applications and doing basic state-specific customization. Periodic software updates and ongoing problem-solving are also provided to the extent of available resources. CDC support of Registry Plus software applications is provided mainly by telephone and e-mail. CDC is not staffed to provide on-site services, nor can CDC offer direct support to hospitals, clinics, laboratories, or other private users. Some components of Registry Plus, Abstract Plus for example, are intended for redistribution after customization. A state central registry or other institution redistributing Registry Plus software should provide all support to end users and develop expertise in using the software among its own staff. Other users of Registry Plus software should contract, hire, or develop capability independently to understand and maintain the software applications.

For technical support via e-mail, contact: CancerInfo@cdc.gov